Object of the Secretary of War Paying a Visit to Cuba Made Known.

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ISLAND

Mr. Root Says That He Is Satisfied That the Cubans Are Capable of Self-Government.

Confident That the United States Will Keep Faith With the Cuban People-No Fears of an Uprising Are Felt.

Havana, March 16 .- Secretary Root said, when interviewed, that he had come to Cuba for two reasons. In the first place he desired to see for himself the working of the various departments, civil and military, and to investigate, so far as possible, the character of the work accomplished. In the second place, he desired to see as many representative men as possible, including all the business interests, in order to feel that he was in personal touch with the requirements of the island.

He went on to say that he had at all times closely followed all the reports regarding Cuba, but he had always felt assured that, in respect to many matters, definite knowledge called for personal contact. He now felt that the Cubans had done wonders, considering the nature of the strife that had devastated the country for so long a time. Their conduct and amiability had greatly impressed him, and he was satisfied from all that he had seen that they were capable of self-government.

"It is necessary, of course, to pre pare for this," said Mr. Root, "by practical experience. Nor should it be a cause for surprise if the first municipal elections should not bring to the surface the best elements of the country. Even in the United States those who would naturally be supposed to take an active interest in politics are found attending to other matters on election day. This work of preparation is deemed necessary even by the most radical Cubans, As soon as the proper explanations are made to them they recognize that time must elapse before a race unacquainted with the simplest forms of government will become able to manage public affairs absolutely without

"There is no doubt that the United States will keep faith with the Cuban people and the joint resolution of congress will be carried out. But just exactly when it is impossible to say. The municipal elections which will take place on May 1 will prove the first lesson. The object is to give municipalities home rule in the very broadest sense, making each self-supporting and making the elected of ficers answerable to their own people only for the proper expenditure of funds. It is desirable as far as possible to decentralize all municipalities from Havana control. The American officials would then only have advisory and supervisory duties.

"The city of Havana would then come into the same category with other cities. The military department of the city would be abolished and this would enable the elected municipal government of Havana to take the necessary steps to refund the debt, to obtain a new loan and to carry out the works of sewerage and paving which are necessary and which should be commenced as soon as possible. Probably this work will commence in the early autumn."

Referring to the reports of possible trouble in the island, Mr. Root said: "These reports are the result of hysteria or are circulated by those who. for personal ends, wish to see turmoil. There is a close analogy be about 'taking to the woods' and the American braggarts who insist that Cuba. Both classes are equally un-

representative of their countries." Alluding to conversations he had with many Cubans representing the various industries, he said he thought he had seldom met with people more desirous of learning the methods of government, and that he could see they recognized the difficulty of the task, since government, like painting, was an art.

# LOSS, \$100,000.

A New York Man Claims to Have Swindled Out of a Valuable Invention.

New York, March 16 .- Franz Mayer. a well-known German resident of this city, who owned a sign manufacturing company which he valued at \$100,-000, says he has been swindled out of it, and caused the arrest of Hugh Mason, 35 years old, and George W. Van Zand, 50 years old, both of this city Mayer and his lawyer allege the men are members of Ellen Peck's gang.

The men were held in \$10,000 bail. Mayer says he determined to organize a stock company to take care of his business and his confidential clerk introduced him to Mason and Van Zand as men who could buy stock in the company. He said he sold them the Industrial Athletic club in the \$46,000 worth of stock in exchange for deeds for 10,000 acres of coal and wood land on the Sandy river in Kentucky. The men, he declared, said the land was worth \$50,000. Later Mayer says he was introduced to Miss lispatch to the Times from Buenos Jessie Scal, to whom he says he gave Ayres, a revolution has broken out in 8,000 shares of the stock in exchange Entre Rios. The insurgents have ocfor mortgages on property near At. supled three of the principal towns lantic City, N. J.

### PLAGUE IN HAWAIL

The Surgeon in Charge of the Mills tary Hospital at Honolulu Makes Another Report.

Washington, March 16.-Surgeon General Sternberg has received a report from Maj. B. D. Taylor, the surgeon in charge of the military hospital at Honolulu, under date of March 1, showing that since his last report of February 24 there have been two new cases of plague, both of which resulted fatally, making in all 64 cases, with 55 deaths, a percentage of mortality of 85.93. Maj. Taylor says that the board of health has finally burnt out the center of infection in the hotel stables, and that fact has contributed a great deal toward restoring the public confidence. The council of state has appropriated \$345,000 for extending the sewerage system, but Maj. Taylor says it will be a long time before the work can be done, and in the meantime cesspools will exist under eating, cooking and sleeping rooms in many parts of the city.

"The board of health and the people," says Maj. Taylor, "have done good work, but they must not only get the town clean, but keen it so. think the plague as an epidemie is passed, but there will be sporadic cases for a long time to come. I shall keep my detention camp and hospital in working order until there has been an interval of at least 18 or 20 days without new cases."

### Guarding It From Vessels.

Washington, March 16 .- To avert danger of infecting any of the ships of the South Atlantic squadron with bubonic plague, which has made its appearance at several points on the Platte, Secretary Long bas cabled instructions to Rear Admiral Schley to proceed with the Chicago and the Montgomery from Montevideo to Bahia, Brazil, where the ships will be joined by the Wilmington as soon as she gets out of quarantine.

### EXTENT OF THE STORM.

It Has Prevailed Over Nearly All the Territory East of the Mississippi River.

Washington, March 16 .- About eight inches of snow fell here, followed by a driving hail. Considerable of the early snow melted as it fell The record probably is unprecedented for this locality for this season of the

Reports received at the weather bureau show that the storm has prevailed over a great extent of the territory east of the Mississippi river, beginning with a light fall in Northern Louisiana. Quite a heavy fall of snow occurred in New York. The storm has reached the borders of New England and promises to extend through that region. Colder weather is following the storm, and the indications point to the temperature falling near the freezing point throughout a large area of the south, including a portion of the gulf coast, but not including East Florida, where though it will be much colder, it will not freeze. The temperature here is

# Combination Almost Complete.

22 degrees.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 16,-The iron and steel sheet mills that are to enter the proposed combination, the American Steel Sheet Co.; will all be closed Saturday night and remain closed for a week, for the purpose of taking an inventory of the stock, machinery and raw material on hand. The taking of this faventory will be the last act before the formal organization of the company. Despite overtures, the Whittaker Sheet Steel Co., of Wheeling; W. Dewees Wood Co., of McKeesport, Pa., and the Apollo Iron and Steel Co., of Pittsburgh, still refuse to enter the combination.

Denial From Gen. Merriam.

Washington, March 16 .- Brig. Gen. Merriam, of the army, who was in command of the troops at Wardner, tween these Cuban agitators who talk Idaho, last year during the miners' troubles in that state, denied published reports that he had suggested the United States will not give up to the president the enactment of a aw making the organizing of labor anions a crime, and also denied that of a self-governing British colony. ne had ever used profane language in connection with his duties at Wardner. He said that at no time had he made recommendations at all to the president on the subject of labor

Released on Bond. New York, March 16.-Charles Thomas Davis, editor of the Wall Street Review, indicted with five others in the Brooklyn rapid transit alleged conspiracy, was released on \$11,000 bail. There are two indictments against him for spreading falso rumors and a third indictment for

# Tragedy in Montana.

Bannock, Mont., March 16 .- On account of family troubles, Fred Brown went to the home of William Lytle with the intention of killing the whole family. He shot and killed Myrtle Lytle, a daughter, and then was shot and killed by Lytle. He was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

# Featherweight Fight.

Philadelphia, March 16 .- A large growd saw Terry McGovern, champion featherweight of the world, deleat Eddy Linny, of Philadelphia, at second round of what was to have been a six-round contest.

Another Revolution Broken Out.

London, March 16 .- According to a of the province.

Several Divisions of the British Army Around Bloemfontein Change Positions.

### NO OPPOSITION MET FROM THE BOERS

The Railroad Out of the Free State Capital Being Made Use of By the British.

No Further Resistance Is Expected to Be Made So Far as the Southern Part of the Free State In Concerned.

London, March 16 .- The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, Thursday, March 15. 7:55 p. m .- Gen. Gatacre crossed the Orange river and occupied Bethulie this morning. Gen. Reginald Pole-Carew, with 2,000 men of the guards brigade, two guns and a small body of mounted infantry, left here in three trains this morning to join hands with Gen. Gatacre and Gen. Clements. He had passed Bethany by 4:40 p. m. without meeting with opposition, having been able to supply from his troops engine drivers, firemen, fitters, molders, smiths, carpen-

ters, etc." Judging from Lord Roberts' report. events are moving in the South African campaign in a special and satisfactory way from both military and political points of view. It could hardly have been expected by the most sanguine Englishmen that they would take a turn so favorable.

It appears that when Maj. Weston cut the railway north of Bloemfontein he thereby interrupted Gen. Joubert, who, far from having retired from the campaign, was then coming southward with 3,000 men, presuma-

enough moral courage to accept the situation. The late president was, however, not to be persuaded, and when the meeting broke out he left years. for the north. The occupation was extremely orderly and well managed The spectacle was most impressive when the sixth division marched through in grand style, notwithstanding that, like the rest of the army, it had covered 40 miles in 27 hours.

"Large umbers of the burghers are surrendering their arms. Many have fled to their homes. Others are trekking to the east or to the north with their cattle and goods. During the last few days the inhabitants of Bloemfontein had gone in deadly fear of the violence of the Transvaalers and consequently the city resembles rather a relieved than a captured town. Mr. Wessels, president of the rand, has gone to England to solicit public sympathy and to plead for the independence of the Free State."

Praise for the Boers. Cape Town, March 16,-Lord Methuen, speaking at the town hall at Kimberley, said: "Although some of the enemy's men are guilty of dastardly tricks, we must remember that their army is not organized with the same discipline as our own. I never wish to meet a braver general than Cronje, and never served in a war where there was less vindictive feeling between the two armies than is this one."

### Staters Will Make a Stand.

London, March 16 .- A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenzo Marques, dated Thursday, says that strong commandoes are marching at Warrenton, where the Free Staters are going to make a stand.

# MURDER IN CINCINNATI.

Charles Adams, Passenger Agent for the Union Pacific Rathroad, Is Killed By His Wife.

Cincinnati, O., March 16,-Charles Adams, a passenger agent for the Union Pacific railroad, with offices in



"BOBS" ENTERS THE FREE STATE.

orate defense works three miles long, with his wife from Omaha last Octohad been prepared outside the town. ber, with their two children, Irving Bloemfontein. When asked the rea- and killed by his wife, Jessie Turman son by Lord Roberts, Mr. Frazer re- Adams, Thursday night, in the Prim-

taken very seriously. Mr. Chamber- bitually cruel. He had recently lain's statement that President Kru- threatened her life, and she provided ger has already been warned as to herself with a revolver for self-dethe consequence of such conduct is fense. regarded as showing that sufficient as a guarantee against any damage struck her again. She struggled to to property, but no serious apprehen- her feet, drew a pistol and fired one sions are entertained of such conduct shot, which struck him in the shoulas Mr. White is said to have fore der. He turned his back, and then shadowed. J. B. Robinson, the mill- she fired again. This time the ball

By the time Lord Roberts reaches a fatal shot, the Vaal river he will command some 80,000 men, while Gen. Buller will have 40,000. From the military point Adams, have relatives in Muscatine of view the critics think there is Ia. Mrs. Adams is detained at the ponothing to fear.

# BOERS SURRENDERING

Many Have Laid Down Their Arms and Fled to Their Homes-The British Welcomed.

London, March 16.-The Standard has the following dispatch from Bfoemfontein, dated Thursday, March

"The civil authorities here definitely made up their minds to surrender on Monday. A stormy meeting was ing captains of Dewey's fleet at Maheld, presided over by Mr. Steyn, nila were entertained at a dinner at whom Mr. Frazer denounced as a the Colonial club. About 75 club coward, charging him with want of members and guests attended.

bly to superintend the defense. Elab- the Carew building, who came here No Boer wounded were left in and Fay, aged 2 and 5 years, was shot rose flat, on Race street, near the Ar-"The burghers do not like fish, and cade entrance. The only person preswould not care to go to Cape Town." ent was Gertie Turman, the sister of The evidence goes to show, so far as the wife, who is an actress under the the southern part of the Free State name of Gertie Hayes. The first story is concerned, there will be no further was that there had been a murder resistance. It is understood that Mr. and a suicide. Mrs. Adams when Frazer, Mr. Wessell and other leaders taken to the station house told her are quite ready to accept the position story. She said she had been living in a veritable hell for years; that her Mr. Montague White's threat in an husband threatened her life; that he of the fact that market quotations American newspaper that the Boers would hold her eldest son by the will sacrifice Johannesburg and raze heels, head downward, outside of a it to the ground, if necessary, is not fifth-story window, and had been ha-

Last night he opened at supper with precaution has been taken. The Times a terrific tirade of abuse, followed up suggests that the burghers should be with a blow across the nose which warned that their farms will be taxed felled her to the floor. Then he ionaire mine owner, says he does not entered behind the right ear and believe the Boers would be so foolish, came out above the left eye. It was

Adams has relatives in Omaha, Neb. and the sisters, Miss Turman and Mrs. lice station. Adams was under the surveillance of the police early this winter for terrifying messenger boys.

Ex-Congressman Seriously III. St. Paul, Minn., March 16 .- Ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, the wellknown advocate of free silver coinage, is seriously ill at the hospital in Duluth, where a surgical operation 6.75; common and large, \$4.85@5.75. was performed on him a few days

Dewey's Surviving Captains Dined. New York, March 16,-The surviv-

### ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Jean Baptiste Deschamp died in Port Townsend, Wash, aged 102

The Canadian Steamship Co. proposes running a line of fruit steamers between Jamaica and Canada.

The New Hampshire state prohibition convention nominated Josiah M. Fletcher, of Nashua, for governor.

Fire destroyed the Sans & Maxwell furniture plant at Pentwater, Mich. Loss, \$300,000; fully covered by insur-The delegation of Creek Indians in

Washington have signed a new agreement which will be presented to the Congressman Louis W. Emerson was renominated by acclamation by the

in Plattsburg. The democratic state executive committee of Tennessee has selected Nashville as the place and May 10 as

the time for the state convention. Representatives of the Stove Manufacturers' National Defense association and the Iron Molders' Union of North America are in conference at Atlanta, Ga.

Goosby were convicted of the murder of Dan Mims and his child, March 5 and sentenced to be hanged April 6. One of the men confessed.

Hon. W. J. Bryan left Austin, Tex., for his home to attend the Nebraska state convention. From Lincoln Mr. Bryan will go for a month's tour through South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona and New Mexico.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS PRICE SOC. PER BOTTLE Cicero H. Thompson, proprietor of a saloon in Valentine, Neb., shot Privates Arthur London and Austin H Millaman, soldiers at Ft. Niobrara, and both men will probably die They broke in the door of his saloon after it had been closed up for the night.

### THURSDAY'S NEWS IN BRIDE.

The Spaniards in Cuba will soon decide by a vote whether they will remain Spanish or Cuban citizens.

Robert Fortune and John Taylor, Negroes, were hanged at Nashville, N. C., for the murder of Farmer Robert Hester, white. Ten thousand people saw the double execution.

Gen. Clements' brigade has effected junction with Gen. Gatacre's troops at Burghersdorp. It is reported at Bloemfontein that Gen. Joubert is at Brandfort, but others locate him at Biggarsberg. In the house of commons the gov-

ernment leader, Mr. Balfour, asserted that her majesty's government would not accept the intervention of any power in the settlement of South African affairs. Mrs. Sallie Balke, of Cincinnati,

died at the hospital in Kansas City of injuries received in the Missauri Paeifie wreck near Independence, Mo., ebruary 27. She is the fifth victim of the collision. Secretary of State Powers, Hysland Whittaker, W. H. Culton and Capt.

Davis, the four alleged accessories to the assassination of Senator William Goebel, will be returned to Frankfort, Ky., from Louisville, and given a speedy examination trial. the sentence of ten years' imprison-

The Texas court of appeals attraced ment against John T. Carlisle for the killing of Prof. Wm. Lipseomb, in the Christian church, in Dallas, last July. Carlisle is a cousin of turmer United States Senator John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky.

# Not Entitled to an Advance.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 16,-The deaved conference regarding the wages of the workers of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Plate Workers who are employed in the sheet mills was held here. An examination of the sworn sale sheets of the manufacturers was made, and a conclusion was reached that the sheet mill workers are entitled to no increase in wages, as sales were made at the same figures as were submitted at the settlement two months ago. This is a disappointment to the workers, who expected an advance lu view have indicated better prices.

# MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, March 15. FLOUR-Spring fancy, \$3.05@3.20; spring family, \$2,90@3; spring patent, \$3.65@3.90; winter fancy, \$3,10@3.25; winter family, \$2.45@2.80; winter patent, \$3.35@3.70; extra, \$2.05@2.25; low grade, \$1.75@1.95.

GRAIN-Wheat: Sales: No. 2 red, truck, at 74c. Corn: No. 2 mixed is quotable at 40c on track. Sales: No. yellow, track, 40c a .ts :Oobaoso; yellow, track, at 40c. Oats: Sales: No. 2 white, track, at 28c; No. 2 mixed, track, at 25%c.

LIVE STOCK-Hogs: Select shippers, \$5.05; select butchers, \$5645.05; fair to good packers, \$4.95@5; fair to good light, \$4.65@4.90; common and roughs, \$4.15@4.80. Cattle: Fair to good shippers, \$4.75@5; good a to choice butchers, \$4.50@4.85; fair to medium butchers, \$3.40@4.25; common, \$3@3.25. Sheep: Extras, \$5.85@ 6; good to choice, \$5.256(5.75; common to fair, \$4.25@5, Lambs: Extras, \$7.10@7.25; good to choice, \$6.55 67: common to fair, \$5.7566.50. Veal Calves: Fair to good light, \$5.75@

Chicago, March 14,-Wheat: No. 2 red, 68@69e; No. 3 do, 66@67%c; No. 2 hard winter, 651/2@661/2c; No. 3 do. 61@661/c; No. 1 northern spring, 661/4 @68e; No. 2 do, 651/2@67e; No. 3 spring, 61@66%e, Corn: No. 2, 36%e; No. 3, 36@36%e. Oats: No. 2, 23%@ 23%e; No. 3, 23%@23%c



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